MYSORE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

NOTE ON THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN MYSORE STATE, FOR THE WEEK ENDED THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1952.

A total of 29 attacks with 15 deaths from Plague was returned from 5 villages in 5 taluks in 4 districts during the week against 19 attacks with 10 deaths in the previous week. The Cities of Bangalore, Mysore and Kolar Gold Fields reported free from Plague. Comparative figures for the corresponding week in 1951 and 1950 were 91 attacks with 45 deaths and 5 attacks with 2 deaths, respectively.

A total of 10 attacks with 2 deaths from Small-pox were reported from the Cities of Bangalore and Kolar Gold Fields and from the taluks of Mandya, Maddur and Sorab.

Thirteen attacks with 6 deaths from Cholera were reported from taluks of Chintamani and Srinivasapur.

The State remained free from Influenza and Relapsing Fever.

The total mortality for Mysore City was 23 (11 in hospitals) for 5 days, representing a calculated death-rate of 6·7 (3·5 excluding hospital deaths) per mille of population (annual basis) as against 18·9 (10·6 excluding hospital deaths) for the corresponding week of last year. Classified according to causes the deaths were: Typhoid 1, Other Fevers 3, Dysentery and Diarrhœa 2, and All Other Causes 17. The reported mortality was very low.

There were 37 deaths (5 in hospitals) for 7 days from all causes in Kolar Gold Fields equivalent to a calculated death-rate of 12·0 (10·4 excluding hospital deaths) per mille of population (annual basis) as against 14·2 (12·3 excluding hospital deaths) for the corresponding week of last year. Classified according to causes the deaths numbered 2 under Malaria, 5 under Other Fevers, 4 under Dysentery and Diarrhœa, 26 under All Other Causes. The reported mortality was very low.

Reports were not received from Bangalore Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

Notification dated 22nd September 1952.

(HEALTH OF LIVE-STOCK DURING AUGUST 1952).

In their order of severity, outbreaks of Black-quarter, Hæmorrhagic septicæmia, Anthrax, Ranikhet, Contagious-Goat Pleuropneumonia Sheep-pox, Gastro-enteritis and Foot and Mouth, were encountered in the State during August 1952. Altogether 141 villages were reported to have been affected by one or the other of the several contagious and infectious diseases as against 191 villages during the previous month. The number of outbreaks was highest in Shimoga, Bangalore and Hassan Districts, while Chikmagalur, Tumkur and Mandya Districts were least affected. These diseases accounted for 474 attacks, of which 417 succumbed. The departmental staff conducted 23,378 preventive inoculations and vaccinations against all the above diseases, except Foot and Mouth disease. In the absence of a reliable method of vaccinatory intervention, other prophylactic measures were adopted against Foot and Mouth disease.

During the month the State was free from Rinderpest. As a prophylactic measure the staff of the department have protected 935 cattle in four villages of Devanahalli Taluk.

Diseases caused by internal parasites were reported from 123 villages accounting for 34 deaths, as against 124 villages accounting for 24 deaths during the previous month. The special staff attached to the parasitic disease control units of the Department dosed 9,008 animals, as against 8,719 animals during the previous month.

Due to failure of rains, scarcity of fodder was keenly felt in Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug, parts of Hassan, Chikmagalur and Shimoga Districts. One thousand one hundred and forty-two cattle are reported to have died from starvation. Fodder depots have been opened in all the affected areas and adequate quantities of paddy straw are reported to have been made available in these depots from Mandya District. Government have also thrown open all the Forests and about 27,000 acres of Amrith Mahal Kaval lands in different parts of the State. The villagers in the distress areas are being advised to move their non-essential cattle into the jungle areas and Amrith Mahal Kavals.

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